

President, or by the formal taking up of something else as the unfinished business before the Senate.

The last of these four possible courses was followed. On the night of November 12, after the resolution of ratification had been defeated both with and without reservations, and after a motion had been made to reconsider, and this motion had been tabled—then, Senator Cummins (Ia.) moved to take up the railroad bill. This motion was defeated. The railroad bill became the unfinished business. The treaty was pushed aside, hence it would seem that with that push the closure rule died.

Each Party Undecided.

So much for the parliamentary situation. Its significance is that, if the treaty again is taken up, it comes before the Senate subject to unlimited debate under the Senate's easy rules and is likely to occupy another series of weeks or months.

It was evident to-day that neither side had decided what its plan should be. "There will be a period of calm," suggested Senator Lodge.

Discussion of the Senate's attitude toward resuming consideration of the treaty was carried on with much animation. Some of the mild reservationists are expected to favor taking it up. It is the attitude of the irreconcilable opponents which is likely to be decisive. Some of them believe they ought to vote to take up the treaty, on the ground, first, that they cannot afford to take the position of being willing to another without a chance for its life, and further, on the ground that more discussion will strengthen in their opinion their case for irreconcilable opposition before the country.

They think the treaty presents for them a splendid issue on which to go before the country seeking delegates to the next national nominating convention. This is the one outstanding issue on which Senator Johnson (Cal.) is making his fight.

But it is too early for determination of the course finally to be followed. Neither Republicans nor Democrats, nor any faction within either party, are yet able to determine what they will do.

JAPAN READY NOW FOR SHANTUNG ISSUE

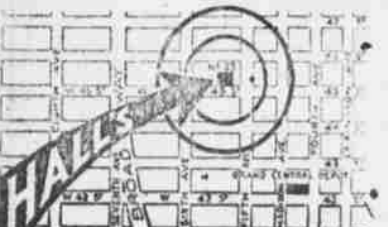
Invites China to Parley Without Further Delay.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The Japanese Embassy here was informed officially to-day that the Japanese Government had invited China to enter upon negotiations for the return of German rights in Shantung, and that while some of the younger elements in China had opposed the acceptance of the invitation on the ground that China was not yet a member of the League of Nations it was believed the Chinese were inclined to accept the invitation.

Meantime the Japanese Foreign Office has called upon the German Government to supply the title deeds and other papers relating to German rights. Under the treaty of Versailles these must be delivered within thirty days after the coming into force of the treaty. Japan, however, does not desire to delay the beginning of the negotiations until these documents have been received.

The Japanese Government also was said to have informed China that as soon as Chinese guards were provided Japanese troops which have been guarding the Shantung Railroad would be withdrawn.

The Japanese expectation that the offer regarding Shantung would be accepted, was said to be based upon the belief that the Chinese had no reason to expect the League of Nations to reverse the decision of the Supreme Council in Paris, since the membership of the council of the league is composed of the 28 member nations and in view of the fact that there is in the league's ranks no representative of the United States, which was the only country that might have supported the Chinese claim to a direct return by the Germans of the rights they had on the Shantung peninsula.



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CRAIG DEMURRER ARGUED.

Comptroller's Counsel to Submit Briefs by February 14.

Considerable more legal technicality as to whether Charles L. Craig, Comptroller of the city, is or is not guilty of contempt of court because of a letter he wrote criticizing the court's action in traction matters was gone through yesterday before Federal Judge Julius M. Mayer when the Craig case again came up, and again Mr. Craig was absent.

His counsel, Edmund L. Massey, argued a demurrer to the effect that there could have been no contempt because the letter in question referred to a subject not then pending before the court. District Attorney Francis G. Caffey replied that judicial proceedings were pending. Without giving a decision on the demurrer, Judge Mayer directed that counsel submit briefs by February 14.

MIELERO'S CAPTAIN MISSING.

Only One Boat From Wrecked Ship Has Been Heard From.

Capt. Harold G. Simmons, his wife and two children, and eleven members of the crew of the American tank steamship Mielero, which broke in two and sank January 26 off the Florida coast, are still missing.

An official of the Cuba Refining Company, which owned the vessel, said that a report Friday night that the Mielero, a sister ship, had picked up the crew was later explained to mean only that the boat containing the first and second officers, four engineers and twelve men had been transferred to the Mielero from the steamship Olette, which picked it up. Two boats took off the captain and crew and the other has not been heard from.

GRIDIRON STARS IN SHOW.

Princeton Triangle Club to Give Performance on February 13.

The Princeton Triangle Club will give a performance of the "Oriental melo-drama" entitled "The Isle of Sumatra" at Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, on February 13. Three Princeton men who helped defeat Yale on the gridiron, J. K. Strubbing, quarterback; F. L. Williams, end; and R. M. Trimble, half back, will show their versatility in playing the part of heroes in the show, which will tour the country.

KOLCHAK REPORTED KILLED BY TROOPS

"Hoisted on His Soldiers' Bayonets," Official Bolshevik Organ in Moscow States.

"IN PRISON," REPORTS SAY

Semenoff Said to Have Urged Energetic Measures by Allies to Liberate Admiral.

VLADIVOSTOK, Wednesday, Jan. 28 (delayed).—Admiral Kolchak and Premier Pepeliev of the All Russian Government are imprisoned in Irkutsk, and what their fate will be is not known. Gen. Semenov, commander of the forces in the Far East, has communicated with the allied commanders, insisting upon energetic measures for liberating Admiral Kolchak.

The Vladivostok despatch telling of the confinement of Admiral Kolchak, together with Premier Pepeliev, in Irkutsk comes from the Russian telegraphic agency connected with the Government in Siberia, and is therefore virtually official.

If Admiral Kolchak has fallen a victim to his former troops, as seems to be claimed by a Bolshevik message from Moscow, it is evident that Gen. Semenov and his associates in the Far East, who took anti-Bolshevik action in Siberia in charge after Kolchak's detention, had not been informed of it up to Wednesday.

The Bolshevik message follows:

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The Moscow wireless service to-day transmitted an extract from an article from the official Bolshevik organ, *Pravda*, stating: "Only a few days ago Supreme Ruler Kolchak was hoisted on his soldiers' bayonets."

TURKS IN ANATOLIA TO ATTACK ALLIES

Report That Mobilization Orders Have Been Issued.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—"The Turkish Minister of War, according to reports from Constantinople, has secretly ordered the printing as quickly as possible of 10,000 copies of a proclamation for general mobilization of the Turkish forces," says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Athens, dated January 29.

The report says the order shows that the War Ministry contemplates mobilization in Anatolia, preparatory to an attack on the Greek and other allied troops there.

Seven Die in Pittsburgh Fire.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 31.—Seven persons are known to have been burned to death to-day when fire, fanned by a high wind, destroyed fifteen temporary residences, occupied by employees of the Carnegie Steel Company's plant at Clifton, on the Monongahela River, fifteen miles from Pittsburgh.

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DUTCH PRESS PRINTS PACT WITH BELGIUM

Not Yet Ratified, but Provisions Are Made Public.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 31.—The Dutch press prints to-day the text of the new treaty between Holland and Belgium, which has not yet been ratified. Its principal provisions, stripped of their official verbiage, follow:

Holland and Belgium to have joint control of navigation on the Scheldt River; the question of the movement of Belgian warships from Antwerp and other problems likely to result in the event of war left to the decision of the League of Nations; both countries agree to the principle that the mouth of the

Scheldt be free and open water; that two new large canals be constructed at the speediest moment to give Belgium an equal outlet to the sea (one from Antwerp to Holland connecting with the North Sea, and the other from the Rhine across the Meuse to the Scheldt to Antwerp, connecting Antwerp with the German Rhine, the latter to be constructed within seven years); that an additional number of existing canals be deepened to accommodate larger ships, and in general that each country pay the expense of construction and maintenance within its own borders, and that customs, quarantine and pilotage regulations be made as uniform as possible.

With reference to the German Rhine Canal, Holland agrees that no new conditions be imposed other than those already in effect on traffic to Germany. Generally speaking joint commissions will control the conditions, construction and maintenance of the canals.

DRIVE IN PARIS FOR PEACE WITH SOVIETS

Officials Join in Following Plan of British.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—The British plan for peace with the Bolsheviks apparently is back of a campaign launched in Paris newspapers to-day to bring about an understanding with the Reds. Indeed, peace with the Soviets seems to be in the air here to-day and permeates even official circles. It may be remarked also that this is the first time it has ever been seriously considered by French officials.

Evening newspapers here, obviously inspired, appear to be trying to pave the

way for it; to make the French people see that peace with the Bolsheviks is to be desired. *L'Information*, this afternoon said editorially what a few weeks ago would have caused its suspension. "Let us recognize once for all that we have had enough of war," it says. "If the Bolsheviks propose peace with their neighbors the best thing to do would be to accept their offer, meanwhile remaining on the defensive."

Influenza Increases in Toronto.

TORONTO, Jan. 31.—There are 2,600 cases of influenza in Toronto to-day, according to Dr. C. J. Hastings of the Health Department. More than 200 were reported during the last twenty-four hours and 95 since last night. Eleven deaths from influenza were reported to-day, making 17 to date.

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